The Humble

ADDRESS

Of the Right Honourable the

Lords Spiritual and Temporal,

In *Parliament* Aſſembled.

Die Mercurii 3. Martii, 1713.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majeſty's moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Aſſembled, Beg leave to Approach Your Royal Perſon with the greateſt Reſpect, to Return the humble Thanks of this Houſe to Your Majeſty for your moſt Gracious Speech from the Throne. We cheerfully Embrace this Opportunity of Aſſuring Your Majeſty, That the Joy our Hearts are filled with, upon Your Recovery from Your late Indiſpoſition, cannot ſufficiently be expreſſed; And that our fervent Prayers to Almighty God ſhall never be wanting, That Your Majeſty's Reign may ſucceed in number of Years, and in all manner of Happineſs, that of the moſt Longeſt and moſt Proſperous of any of Your Royal Predeceſſors, as that which will beſt conduce to the Happineſs and Satisfaction of the moſt Dutiful Subjects to the beſt of Queens.

It is with the greateſt Pleaſure, and the utmoſt Gratitude, That this Houſe Receives the Communication Your Majeſty is pleas'd to give them, That the Ratifications of your Treaties of Peace and Commerce with *Spain* are Exchanged, and that we are, by your Majeſty's great Wiſdom and Goodneſs, at laſt delivered from that conſuming Land-War, the Burthens and ill Conſequences whereof we are Senſible nothing can Remove or Prevent, but a Right Improvement of the preſent Opportunity; and it ſhall be our Endeavour, as we are ſatisfied it will be Your Majeſty's, to Unite our Differences, not by Relaxing from the ſtricteſt Adherence to our Conſtitution in Church and State, but by obſerving the Laws our ſelves, and to the utmoſt of our Power, Enforcing a due Obedience to them in others.

And we do Aſſure your Majeſty, That this Houſe will moſt heartily concur with your Majeſty, in all proper Methods to compleat the Settlement of EUROPE; And we will uſe our utmoſt Endeavours to Diſcourage and Diſcountenance all Attempts to Waken Your Majeſty's Authority, or to Render the Poſſeſſion of the Crown Uneaſie to You.

We Acknowledge with Hearts full of Duty and Thankfulneſs, that great Care which Your Majeſty has taken, during the whole Courſe of Your Reign, to Secure our Religion and Liberties, and to Tranſmit both ſafe to Poſterity.

It is with the utmoſt Deteſtation, that we Reflect on the Proceedings of thoſe Men, who, by Spreading Seditious Papers, and Factious Rumours, have been able to ſink Credit, and thereby to involve the Innocent in the ill Conſequences of their Iniquity; and more particularly of thoſe who have attained to that height of Malice, as to Inſinuate, That the Proteſtant Succeſſion in the Houſe of Hannover *is in Danger under your Government.*

Her Majeſty's moſt Gracious *Anſwer.*

My Lords.

I Return you moſt hearty Thanks for your very Affectionate Addreſs. — You who are neareſt to the Throne, will firſt of all my Subjects feel the evil Conſequences of any Diminution of the Regal Dignity. It is a great Comfort to Me, That I have your Aſſurance of Support. Depend upon it, I will never give way to the leaſt Attempt, either on the juſt Authority of the Crown, or on your Rights and Privileges.

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